

Welcome

Year 9 Options 2024

If you have any specific questions, please wait until the end. I will be available to respond to individual concerns.

Nine qualifications studied across the two year KS4

- Five core subjects
- Choice of four more

Booklet with lots of information

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- Students have a hardcopy each

What does a KS4 timetable look like?

Core subjects:

- ✓ English Language
- ✓ English Literature
- ✓ Maths
- ✓ Combined Science
- ✓ Core PE & PSHE

15 periods of core subjects per week. Studied by everyone.

Plus 3 periods of PE per week

EBACC choice

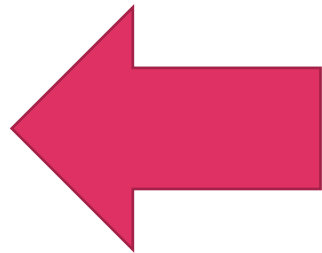
Minimum of 3 periods of EBACC subjects per week

EBACC subjects

Spanish

History

Geography



Students should choose one of these subjects (or computer science) and we recommend that those choosing an academic route to university consider choosing Spanish and one other EBACC subject.

The rest of your choices...

GCSE

Art

Business

Photography

Drama

Music

Religion & Philosophy

Separate Science

Statistics

Btec

Health and Social Care

Sports Science

Level 1/2 WJEC

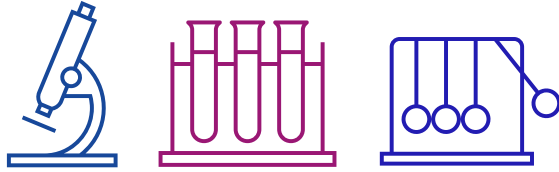
Hospitality and Catering

**12 periods of
option subjects
per week**

**30 periods of
timetabled lessons per
week plus tutor time
and assemblies**

SEPARATE SCIENCE OPTION

- Combined: you study all three sciences, but get two GCSEs
- Separate: you get three GCSEs instead of two, one for each science
- More time for science each week
- Specialist teacher for each one
- More opportunities for insights into the world around us



COMBINED SCIENCE

English AG4 Mr S Graydon	1	Religion and Philosophy TF3 Miss E Liebert	1	Business studies AF11 Mrs J Allen	1	Computer Science AF11 Mr G Foster	1	Vocational Sport DC1 Mr D Allsop	1
English AG4 Mr S Graydon	2	Religion and Philosophy TF3 Miss E Liebert	2	Vocational Sport DC1 Mr D Allsop	2	Computer Science AF11 Mr G Foster	2	Vocational Sport DC1 Mr D Allsop	2
Business studies AF11 Mrs J Allen	3	Science		Science		Maths TF5 Mr C Proffitt	3	Science	
Business studies AF11 Mrs J Allen	4	English AG4 Mr S Graydon	4	Maths TF5 Mr C Proffitt	4	Science		Maths TF5 Mr C Proffitt	4
Maths TF5 Mr C Proffitt	5	Science		English AG4 Mr S Graydon	5	PE ASTL Mr D Allsop	5	Science	
Computer Science AF11 Mr G Foster	6	Maths TF5 Mr C Proffitt	6	Religion and Philosophy TF3 Miss E Liebert	6	PE ASTL Mr D Allsop	6	English AG2 Ms S Maud	6

SEPARATE SCIENCE

English AG4 Mr S Graydon	1	History AF5 Mr T Woodward	1	Business studies AF11 Mrs J Allen	1	Physics		Computer Science AF11 Mr G Foster	1
English AG4 Mr S Graydon	2	History AF5 Mr T Woodward	2	Computer Science BF7 Mr G Foster	2	Chemistry		Computer Science AF11 Mr G Foster	2
Business studies AF11 Mrs J Allen	3	Physics		Biology		Maths TF6 Mr C Hamer	3	Chemistry	
Business studies AF11 Mrs J Allen	4	English AG4 Mr S Graydon	4	Maths TF6 Mr C Hamer	4	Biology		Maths TF6 Ms S Haskins	4
Maths TF6 Ms S Haskins	5	Biology		English AG4 Mr S Graydon	5	PE I4 Mr T Sillitoe	5	Chemistry	
Physics		Maths TF6 Mr C Hamer	6	History AF5 Mr T Woodward	6	PE I4 Mr T Sillitoe	6	English AG2 Ms S Maud	6

MUSIC OPTION

- You need to play a musical instrument (or sing) to be able to complete the course
 - There's a lot of information in the booklet about the course content
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LANGUAGES

- We only teach Spanish (no French or German)
 - If students can speak and write another language, we may be able to enter them for the GCSE (exam only)
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Languages where there's a GCSE:

- French
- German
- Spanish
- Italian
- Polish
- Bengali
- Persian
- Turkish
- Panjabi
- Russian
- Arabic
- Greek
- Japanese
- Urdu
- Portuguese
- Gujurati
- Biblical Hebrew
- Modern Hebrew
- Chinese (Cantonese/Mandarin)

- We ask students at the start of year 10, and give them practice papers to try. We usually enter about 8 students per year for a community language GCSE
- Universities like students to have a language, but it's not a pre-requisite for most courses

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Consider how courses are assessed...

GCSEs are assessed at the end of the two years.
The only exceptions to this rule are:

Art and Photography – Coursework 60% and
timed practical assessment 40%

Drama – Coursework 60% and Exam 40%

Music – Coursework 60% and Exam 40%

Coursework is completed across the two years

Assessment - Vocational Awards

Vocational Award in
Hospitality and
Catering

60% controlled
assessment

40% exam

BTEC Health & Social
Care and
Sports Science

60% controlled
assessment

40% exam

Controlled assessments are completed in Year 10
and Year 11

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DEADLINES AND DATES

- Link sent to parents and carers week beginning 19 Feb (half term 12-16 Feb)
- Options choices completed by 6 March via the online form
- School shares options with students and parents/carers – June 2024

SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE

- Year 9 Parent and Carer Evening – 17 January
- Taster sessions in tutor time for subjects not taught at KS3
- Assemblies and tutor support
- Ms Searle available every year 9 lunchtime
- Careers Advisor/SLT meetings with all students by the end of Year 9 – FSM and SEND students prior to option deadline
- Meetings with Ms Searle or Ms Modupe to give advice about choices
- JCA Website

What to consider and what not to consider when choosing

Don't:

- Choose a subject because your friend is choosing it
- Choose a subject because you like the teacher
- Choose a subject because you think it will be good for your career choice but you don't enjoy it

Do:

- ✓ Choose subjects you enjoy
- ✓ Choose subjects you have an aptitude for
- ✓ Choose subjects which you enjoy and are good at and/or will be useful for future college and career choices

What next?

- ✓ Talk to your child and listen to their views
- ✓ Talk to teachers and older students/family members
- ✓ Go to taster sessions and read the booklet
- ✓ Research online:

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/parent-zone> - for parents and carers

<https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/> - for students

<https://www.findyourfuture.org.uk/choices-at-14>



Any questions?
